

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, claims 16-18 are cancelled. Since remaining claims 1-15 are allowable, it is believed the application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

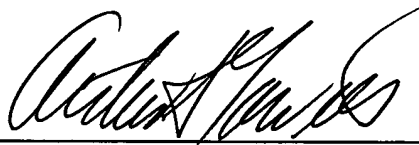
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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